



Word on the Street is...

Generation Rx is becoming a problem.

The **Partnership for a Drug Free America** released a new survey Generation Rx that shows that a new category of substance abuse is emerging, that of teens abusing Rx and OTC medication intentionally to get high.

According to the study:

- **1 in 5** (18%) teens report abusing Vicodin, 1 in 10 (10%) report abusing OxyContin.
- **1 in 10** (10%) teens have tried prescription stimulants Ritalin and/or Adderall without a doctor's order.
- **1 in 11** has abused OTC cough medication (DXM) intentionally to get high.
- Teen abuse of Rx and OTC medications is now **3rd** – after marijuana and inhalants.
- **37%** of teens say they have close friends who have abused prescription painkillers like Vicodin, OxyContin and Tylox. 29% say the same about Ritalin and Adderall. Although teens often overstate friends' use, this measure underscores awareness and normalization of this type of substance abuse among teens.

Learn more about this new study at: www.drugfree.org

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